



Town of Groton, Connecticut

45 Fort Hill Road
Groton, CT 06340-4394
Town Clerk (860)441-6640
Town Manager (860)441-6630

Meeting Agenda

Town Council

Mayor Harry A. Watson, Councilors Heather Sherman Bond, Kathryn M. Brown-Tracy, Catherine Kolnaski, Deborah B. Monteiro, Frank O'Beirne, Jr., Rita M. Schmidt, Paulann H. Sheets, and James L. Streeter

Tuesday, November 18, 2008

7:30 PM

Town Hall Annex - Community Room 1

REGULAR MEETING

I. ROLL CALL

II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

III. RECOGNITION, AWARDS & MEMORIALS

2008-0278 Proclamation Honoring Dot McLaughlin Proclamation - TC

2008-0279 Proclamation Recognizing Tyler Gene James Proclamation - TC

IV. RECEIPT OF CITIZENS' PETITIONS, COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

This is the portion of the Council Agenda where the Council welcomes comments from citizens. Each presentation should be limited to five (5) minutes or less, and citizens should, if possible, submit written comments. Presentations should be related to matters pertinent to Groton. Town Councilors will only ask questions in order to clarify the speaker's presentation and can respond during the Responses to Citizens' Petitions portion of the Town Council meeting. Citizens should make their presentations from the lectern and state their names and addresses for the record.

V. RESPONSES TO CITIZENS' PETITIONS, COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed under Item VI (Consent Calendar) are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion. No separate discussion of these items will take place, unless cause is shown prior to the time Council votes on the motion to adopt.

a. Approval of Minutes

2008-0283 Approval of Minutes (Town Council) Resolution - Consent

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Town Council meeting of November 5, 2008 are hereby accepted and approved.

b. Administrative Items

2008-0276 Special Trust Fund Contributions Resolution - Consent

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING CONTRIBUTIONS TO SPECIAL TRUST FUNDS

RESOLVED, that the Town Council hereby accepts contributions to the Town as follows:

George Marshall - \$100.00 - Social Services Discretionary
Ledge Light Health District - \$55.23 - Social Services Discretionary
Various Donations - \$25.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
City of Groton Matching Funds - \$751.44 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
United Way of Southeastern Connecticut - \$158.31 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
Vera Leavy - \$50.00 - Arts Cafe Miscellaneous

Pfizer Foundation Matching Gifts Program - \$1,000.00 - Library Discretionary

c. Deletions from the Town Council Referral List

2008-0268	Groton Education Foundation Grant	Referral
2008-0269	Adoption of 2009 Group I Regular Meeting Schedule	Referral
2008-0270	Adoption of 2009 Group II Regular Meeting Schedule	Referral
2008-0271	Adoption of 2009 Committee of the Whole Regular Meeting Schedule	Referral
2008-0272	Adoption of 2009 Town Council Regular Meeting Schedule	Referral
2008-0280	Children First Groton (CFG) Grant	Referral
2008-0285	Appointment of Richard Semeraro to Library Board	Resolution

VII. COMMUNICATION REPORTS (Other than Committee Reports)

- a. Town Councilors
- b. Clerk of the Representative Town Meeting
- c. Clerk of the Council
- d. Town Manager
- e. Town Attorney

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Community & Cultural Development - Chairman Brown-Tracy
- b. Economic Development - Chairman Bond
- c. Education/Health & Social Services - Chairman Kolnaski
- d. Environment/Energy - Chairman Sheets
- e. Finance - Chairman Schmidt
- f. Personnel/Appointments/Rules - Chairman O'Beirne
- g. Public Safety - Chairman Streeter
- h. Public Works/Recreation - Chairman Monteiro
- i. Committee of the Whole - Mayor Watson

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

X. NEW BUSINESS

2008-0268	Groton Education Foundation Grant	Referral
-----------	-----------------------------------	----------

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE GROTON EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

WHEREAS, the Groton Educational Foundation provides "mini-grants" to fund unique projects based on ideas from teachers or other educators in Groton, and

WHEREAS, the Groton Senior Center and Claude Chester Elementary School annually engage students and seniors in mutual educational experiences, and

WHEREAS, grant funds could be used for an intergenerational program called "For a Greener Groton," now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Town Manager Mark R. Oefinger or his designee may apply for a grant of \$505 from the Groton Educational Foundation

Legislative History

2008-0269	10/24/2008 Mayor 11/12/2008 Town Council Committee of the Whole Adoption of 2009 Group I Regular Meeting Schedule	Referred Recommended for a Resolution Referral
------------------	--	---

RESOLUTION APPROVING 2009 GROUP I COMMITTEES REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council hereby approves the Group I Committees regular meeting schedule for 2009 as follows:

Tuesday, January 13, 2009
Tuesday, January 27, 2009

Tuesday, February 10, 2009
Tuesday, February 24, 2009

Tuesday, March 10, 2009
Tuesday, March 24, 2009

Tuesday, April 14, 2009
Tuesday, April 28, 2009

Tuesday, May 12, 2009
Tuesday, May 26, 2009

Tuesday, June 9, 2009
Tuesday, June 23, 2009

Tuesday, July 14, 2009
Tuesday, July 28, 2009

Tuesday, August 11, 2009
Tuesday, August 25, 2009

Tuesday, September 8, 2009
Tuesday, September 22, 2009

Tuesday, October 13, 2009
Tuesday, October 27, 2009

Tuesday, November 10, 2009
Tuesday, November 24, 2009

Tuesday, December 8, 2009
Tuesday, December 22, 2009

All meetings begin at 6:00 p.m. in Community Room 3, Town Hall Annex, 134 Groton Long Point

Road, on the Second and Fourth Tuesday of each month.

Legislative History

10/28/2008 Mayor Referred Town Council Committee of the W

11/12/2008 Town Council Committee of the Whole Recommended for a Resolution

2008-0270 Adoption of 2009 Group II Regular Meeting Schedule Referral

RESOLUTION APPROVING 2009 GROUP II COMMITTEES REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council hereby approves the Group II Committees regular meeting schedule for 2009 as follows:

Tuesday, January 13, 2009

Tuesday, January 27, 2009

Tuesday, February 10, 2009

Tuesday, February 24, 2009

Tuesday, March 10, 2009

Tuesday, March 24, 2009

Tuesday, April 14, 2009

Tuesday, April 28, 2009

Tuesday, May 12, 2009

Tuesday, May 26, 2009

Tuesday, June 9, 2009

Tuesday, June 23, 2009

Tuesday, July 14, 2009

Tuesday, July 28, 2009

Tuesday, August 11, 2009

Tuesday, August 25, 2009

Tuesday, September 8, 2009

Tuesday, September 22, 2009

Tuesday, October 13, 2009

Tuesday, October 27, 2009

Tuesday, November 10, 2009

Tuesday, November 24, 2009

Tuesday, December 8, 2009

Tuesday, December 22, 2009

All meetings begin at 6:00 p.m. in Community Room 1, Town Hall Annex, 134 Groton Long Point Road, on the Second and Fourth Tuesday of each month.

Legislative History

10/28/2008 Mayor Referred Town Council Committee of the W

	11/12/2008	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution	
2008-0271	Adoption of 2009 Committee of the Whole Regular Meeting Schedule			Referral
	RESOLUTION APPROVING 2009 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE			
	BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council hereby approves the Committee of the Whole regular meeting schedule for 2009 as follows:			
	Tuesday, January 13, 2009			
	Tuesday, January 27, 2009			
	Tuesday, February 10, 2009			
	Tuesday, February 24, 2009			
	Tuesday, March 10, 2009			
	Tuesday, March 24, 2009			
	Tuesday, April 14, 2009			
	Tuesday, April 28, 2009			
	Tuesday, May 12, 2009			
	Tuesday, May 26, 2009			
	Tuesday, June 9, 2009			
	Tuesday, June 23, 2009			
	Tuesday, July 14, 2009			
	Tuesday, July 28, 2009			
	Tuesday, August 11, 2009			
	Tuesday, August 25, 2009			
	Tuesday, September 8, 2009			
	Tuesday, September 22, 2009			
	Tuesday, October 13, 2009			
	Tuesday, October 27, 2009			
	Tuesday, November 10, 2009			
	Tuesday, November 24, 2009			
	Tuesday, December 8, 2009			
	Tuesday, December 22, 2009			
	All meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. in Community Room 1, Town Hall Annex, 134 Groton Long Point Road, on the Second and Fourth Tuesday of each month.			
	<u>Legislative History</u>			
	10/28/2008	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of the W
	11/12/2008	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution	
2008-0272	Adoption of 2009 Town Council Regular Meeting Schedule			Referral

RESOLUTION APPROVING 2009 TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council hereby approves the Town Council regular meeting schedule for 2009 as follows:

Tuesday, January 6, 2009
Tuesday, January 20, 2009

Tuesday, February 3, 2009
Tuesday, February 17, 2009

Tuesday, March 3, 2009
Tuesday, March 17, 2009

Tuesday April 7, 2009
Tuesday, April 21, 2009

Tuesday, May 5, 2009
Tuesday, May 19, 2009

Tuesday, June 2, 2009
Tuesday, June 16, 2009

Tuesday, July 7, 2009
Tuesday, July 21, 2009

Tuesday, August 4, 2009
Tuesday, August 18, 2009

Tuesday, September 1, 2009
Tuesday, September 15, 2009

Tuesday, October 6, 2009
Tuesday, October 20, 2009

Wednesday, November 4, 2009*
Tuesday, November 17, 2009

Tuesday, December 1, 2009
Tuesday, December 15, 2009

All meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. in Community Room 1, Town Hall Annex, 134 Groton Long Point Road, on the First and Third Tuesday of each month, except as noted.

*Moved to Wednesday because of Election Day on November 3, 2009.

Legislative History

10/28/2008	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of the W
11/12/2008	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution	
2008-0280	Children First Groton (CFG) Grant		Referral

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO APPLY TO CHILDREN FIRST GROTON FOR PARENTING PROGRAM FUNDS

WHEREAS, parenting programs provide basic skills and support to families, and

WHEREAS, Groton Human Services, via its Family Support Center, has the capacity to offer parenting programs to Groton families, and

WHEREAS, Children First Groton has made grant funds available for parenting programs geared towards Groton families, now therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Groton Town Council hereby authorizes the Town Manager or his designee to apply to Children First Groton for grant funding which will be utilized by Groton Human Services to conduct expanded parenting programs via its Family Support Center.

Legislative History

11/5/2008	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of the W
11/12/2008	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution	
2008-0285	Appointment of Richard Semeraro to Library Board		Resolution

RESOLUTION APPOINTING RICHARD SEMERARO TO THE LIBRARY BOARD

RESOLVED, that Richard Semeraro, 202 High Street, Mystic, is appointed to the Library Board for a term ending 12/31/09.

Legislative History

11/12/2008	Town Council Personnel/Appointments/Rules /Legislation Committee	Recommended for a Resolution	
2008-0286	Referral of Trails Project to the Inland Wetlands Agency		Referral

RESOLUTION REFERRING A TRAILS PROJECT TO THE INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY

RESOLVED, that the Town Council refers to the Groton Inland Wetlands Agency a proposal for the construction and improvement of trails in and through Town-owned property known as the Mortimer Wright Preserve

Legislative History

11/12/2008	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution	
2008-0287	Referral of rails Project to the Planning Commission Under CGS 8-24		Referral

RESOLUTION REFERRING A TRAILS PROJECT TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION

RESOLVED, that the Town Council refers to the Groton Planning Commission under C.G.S. 8-24, a proposal for the construction and improvement of trails in and through Town-owned property known as the Mortimer Wright Preserve.

Legislative History

11/12/2008	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution	
------------	-------------------------------------	------------------------------	--

XI. OTHER BUSINESS

XII. ADJOURNMENT